

THE NEWS OF NORFOLK ON PAGES TWO THREE AND FIVE.

WEATHER REPORT.

Washington, May 26, 1899.
Forecast for Saturday:
Virginia—Increasing cloudiness Saturday, with warmer in eastern portion; probably showers Sunday; brisk southerly winds.
North Carolina—Generally fair Saturday and Sunday; brisk southerly winds.

Norfolk and Vicinity.

WEATHER FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

Fair in morning; increasing cloudiness and probably showers toward night; warmer; fresh to brisk southerly winds.

TEMPERATURE, RAINFALL AND HUMIDITY.

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| Maximum temperature | 70 |
| Minimum temperature | 52 |
| Normal temperature | 70 |
| Departure from normal | 0 |
| Departure from normal since January 1st | minus 112 |
| Rainfall in past 24 hours | 0 |
| Rainfall since first of month | 1.63 |
| Mean humidity | 79 |

CALENDAR.

Sun rises at 4:48 a. m. and sets at 7:15 p. m.

TIDES.

Norfolk—High water at 10:25 a. m. and 10:55 p. m.; low water at 4:30 a. m. and 4:30 p. m.
Old Point—High water at 10:04 a. m. and 10:34 p. m.; low water at 4:09 a. m. and 4:09 p. m.

DIED.

SHEPHERD—At 8 o'clock yesterday morning, May 26th, at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. A. C. Miley, corner Botsford and Main streets, Mrs. MARY LUMSDEN CAMPELL, widow of James Campbell, of Aberdeen, Scotland, aged 90 years. The funeral will take place from the residence of the family at 5 o'clock, Saturday afternoon, May 27th, at 10 a. m. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

CAMPBELL—At the residence, No. 267 Peachtree street, Friday, May 26, 1899, at 4:30 o'clock p. m. MARY LUMSDEN CAMPELL, widow of James Campbell, of Aberdeen, Scotland, aged 90 years. The funeral will take place from above residence THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON at 5 o'clock. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

PAULSON—The funeral of Mr. DAVID PAULSON, aged 72 years, will take place THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON from the residence of his sister, Mrs. R. P. Tarrant, No. 416 Brambleton avenue, second floor from Kelly, at 5 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

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VOICE FROM THE DEEP

Floating Bottle Containing a Message Picked Up.

Purports to Have Been Thrown

Overboard From the Ship Vixen—

A Tale of Distress—Shipping Men

Suspicion a Fake.

The following dispatch was received by Observer Gray, of the United States Weather Bureau, via the signal coast line wire from Cape Hatteras:

Hatteras, N. C., May 26, 1899.

Observer Weather Bureau, Norfolk, Va.:
A bottle washed high up on the beach today near the Chicamcomico Life-saving Station, thirty miles north of Hatteras, in which was found the following letter:

"Stormy all day; both masts gone; very little hope; going to pieces rapidly; all most gone; no hope; good-bye. Ship Vixen, Crew Eight Men, Captain Carter."

The letter contained no date, no latitude yesterday afternoon to indicate when the bottle was thrown overboard. The bottle appeared to have been in water for considerable time.

S. L. DOSHER, Observer,
Weather Bureau, Hatteras.

Just what importance to attribute to the message, or rather to the find, is a mystery, as the note does not state nationality of vessel; speaks of a two masted—whether brig, brigantine or schooner is not given—as a ship and puts such unadmitted language in the captain's handwriting. There is but one Vixen with two masts mentioned in the United States Register, which is a schooner built at Mount Desert, Me., in 1851. Tonnage, 23.50 gross, 59 feet long, 16.5 beam and 6.7 depth of hold.

In view of these facts the bottle message is looked on by shipping men as a fake, and one in bad taste at that. It may be true and if so simply chronicles another crew in an ocean graveyard.

CONVOCATION CLOSES.

LAST DAY OF AN INTERESTING AND PROFITABLE SESSION.

The evening prayer service at Gallie Chapel, Virginia Beach, in connection with the Norfolk Episcopal Convocation Friday night, was conducted by Revs. Bibble and Dickinson.

The sermon was preached by Rev. J. B. Burks, of Accomac county, Text: Phil. iv-13: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." The speaker said in part: "The power which comes from Christ never fails to give the needed strength. The apostle Paul was quoted as an example, who said: 'Though he was weak, yet through Christ he was strong.' 'By the grace of God I am what I am.' Through the power of Christ man is able to overcome sin and to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, under all conditions of life man never fails to supply exigencies of the occasion. This strength, which Christ gives through His power enables us to do what God wills, and to pass through the severest trials and to distrust ourselves and to rely on Christ through His strength we can be 'strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.'"

The sermon riveted the attention of the members of the Convocation and the large congregation.

MORNING SERVICE.

The morning prayer service yesterday was held at the Chapel by the Sea, two miles south of Virginia Beach, at 11 o'clock, and was conducted by Revs. Dickinson and Roberts, a large congregation being present.

The sermon was preached by Rev. H. S. Lancaster, of St. Thomas' Church, Berkeley. His theme was "Communion with the Holy Spirit," which was, he said, the great need of man to purify and elevate his nature. Christ said: "I go away, but the Comforter, the Holy Ghost, will come and He will guide you into all truth. The Comforter will take the place of Christ, after His resurrection and ascension to heaven, and it is a glorious privilege to have His companionship here on earth. Through His bodies become temples of the Holy Ghost, whereby we are made partakers of Christ's nature and heirs of the kingdom of grace on earth and of God in heaven. The discourse was a strong presentation of the truth and was delivered in the speaker's usual forceful and eloquent style, and greatly impressed his audience.

CLOSING SERVICE.

The closing service of the Convocation was held at Gallie Chapel, Virginia Beach, at 7:30 o'clock last night, opening with the usual evening prayer, followed by earnest and instructive address by the dean of the Convocation, Rev. B. D. Tucker, D. D., and Rev. H. S. Lancaster, who supplied the place of Rev. A. S. Lloyd, who was unable to be present.

This closed one of the most delightful and interesting sessions of the Convocation ever held. The expressions of thanks by the members of the body for their royal reception and princely entertainment by the East Lynhaven parish were many.

The full session of the Convocation will be held with the Episcopal Church at Smithfield, November next.

Spring Tiredness.

is different from the weariness caused by labor. The last is cured by rest; the first requires a few bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla to cure it.

That distress after eating is cured by Hood's Pills. They do not gripe. 25 cents.

Publications Received.

The Metropolitan for June contains two good stories, an interesting article entitled "A New Era of Shipbuilding," in which is a well illustrated description of the Newport News shipyards. Sketches of Frank Russell Green, A. N. A.; Joseph H. Choate, Ambassador to Great Britain; and Constance Cary Harrison, the well known writer who writes as Mrs. Burton Harrison, are very interesting. Price 15 cents at the news stands.

The June edition of Scribner's contains the conclusion of Governor Roosevelt's history of the Rough Riders, describing the return home and showing many scenes in the various camps. Joel C. Harris contributes another of the chronicles of Aunt Mollie, an A. Western story by William Allen White, entitled "A Victory for the People," is very interesting.

"The Battle of the Block-houses," is an excellent narrative of the fighting around Manilla, written by Percy G. McDonnell, and well illustrated. Price 25 cents. New York City, publishers. The June number of *Alfred's Magazine* has a very attractive make-up and a very interesting table of contents. Among the articles are the following: "Modern Fire Fighting," "A True Story of the South Seas," "How Many Are Worth a Million," "The Art of Trust Building," "Saxonia Saxerian," "The Mayor of Chicago," and many others. Price 10 cents; \$1.00 a year. Street & Smith, New York City.

THE COURTS YESTERDAY

VERDICT AGAINST STREET RAILWAY—CHARTER GRANTED—POLICE COURT.

In the Court of Law and Chancery yesterday B. F. Rosson was given a verdict of \$1,000 against the Norfolk Street Railway Company for internal injuries received by being jolted from a car on Granby street at the City Hall avenue corner. Mr. Rosson sued for \$10,000 through his attorneys, Messrs. Morris & Miller. Mr. R. B. Tunstall represented the railroad. The jury was sent out two or three times before a verdict was reached. A motion for a new trial was entered by Mr. Tunstall.

The case of J. W. Jordan vs. Wilson Walker was argued in this court yesterday afternoon by the attorneys, Messrs. Cole & Shultice, for the plaintiff, and Col. L. D. Starke for the defendant. The case involves the sale of some timber land in North Carolina. Since it was instituted the defendant has died and the administrator of his estate has been made the defendant. About \$450 is involved in the suit.

SUIT ENTERED.

Victoria J. Peed has entered suit through her attorneys, Messrs. Heath & Heath, against Lilla V. Peed, administrator of the estate of Horace Peed, deceased, and the American Bonding and Trust Company of Baltimore, surety. The suit is for benefits due the plaintiff from the Peed estate.

CHARTER GRANTED.

In the Corporation Court yesterday the Quaratol Company was granted a charter. The purposes of the company are to manufacture a proprietary medicine.

IN THE POLICE COURT.

Ophelia Gray, colored, lunacy; discharged.

James H. Smith, colored, malicious prosecution; discharged.

Richard Gray, colored, driving a galloped horse; fined \$5.00.

Mamie L. Egan and Mamie Fitzgerald, both colored, fighting; former fined \$5.00 and the latter \$3.

Frank Peace, colored, assault and felonious shooting; continued until to-day.

PRINCESS ANNE.

OFFICERS CHOSEN IN THURSDAY'S COUNTY ELECTION.

The election in Princess Anne county passed off Thursday without any unusual event. The ticket elected is as follows:

Clerk—A. E. Kellam.
Treasurer—John T. Woodhouse.
Commonwealth's Attorney—J. J. Ackiss.
Sheriff—D. D. Battle.

Messrs. Ackiss and Woodhouse had no opposition.

DISTRICT OFFICERS.

The officers elected for Princess Anne district were as follows:

Supervisor—Jesse Ewell.
Magistrates—Gus Smith, Spot Ferguson and Early Eaton.
Constable—Samuel Old.

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Y'S POUND RECEPTION.

GIVEN LAST NIGHT AT GIRL'S HOME FOR THE POOR.

The Francis Barnes' Y's pound reception last night was a real interesting and enjoyable affair. To Miss Bessie Order and Miss Pearl Addison the credit of making this social one of the prettiest given by the Y's. The reception was for the benefit of the poor.

The next entertainment will be in the shape of a picnic excursion to Cape Charles. It will be taken by moonlight on the evening of June 19th.

The program last night was as follows:

Scripture reading by Mrs. H. C. Addison, president of the Y's.
Prayer by Mr. Dryer.
Vocal solo by Mr. John Drew.
Recitation by Miss Annie Mae Osborn.

Vocal solo by Miss Eula Denison.
Instrumental solo by Miss Mattie White.

Vocal solo by Miss Norma McGrath.
Recitation by Mr. George Pentress.
Vocal solo by Miss Maude Collins.
Short address by Rev. Chas. I. Stengle.

RESERVES' SMOKER.

FOURTH BATTALION HOLD AN INFORMAL RECEPTION.

The Fourth Division of the Virginia Naval Reserves gave a smoker last night at the Armory, at which were present nearly all the member of that division, and members of some of the other divisions.

The occasion was informal in every sense, and very enjoyable. Mr. W. M. Hudgins, Junior Lieutenant Commanding that division, was in charge, and saw that every one enjoyed himself. The Fourth Division is growing to be one of the largest in the battalion, and will make a fine showing when the eight days' cruise is taken on the training ship *Prairie* from June 6th to 14th.

Delightful Piano Recital.

The piano recital given by Mr. Eugene F. Marks at the First Baptist Church last night was a great success and drew forth a well pleased audience.

The program was carried out as published in the *Virginian-Pilot*. The list included many beautiful solos and duets, and these were skillfully and

feelingly rendered by Mr. Marks, Mr. Vernon Cofer and Miss Powell. Mr. Hancock and Mr. Marks were the accompanists.

The closing feature, the dialogue of "Widow Bedott," by Miss Nellie Hill and Mr. Walter Edmunds was extremely humorous and pleased the audience.

THE SPANISH CRUISER.

MEETING YESTERDAY TO HEAR PROTEST NORFOLK HEALTH BOARD.

Pursuant to a call issued by Dr. F. S. Hope, quarantine officer of the port of Norfolk, about thirty representative citizens of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Berkeley, met yesterday noon in the Corporation Court room to consider the protest of the Norfolk Board of Health (as was supposed) at the bringing to the Norfolk navy yard of the *Reina Mercedes*.

There were present, among others, Mayor C. Brooks Johnston, President Fred Greenwood, of the Select Council; Judge A. R. Hancock, of the Corporation Court; Mr. R. A. Doble, of the Board of Harbor Commissioners; Captain J. W. McCarrick, Mr. Joseph T. Allen, Mrs. Newbill, McCormick and Riddick, and Mr. R. Henry Jones, of the Board of Health; Mr. C. Billups, Quarantine Officer Hope and his assistants, Drs. Parish and Hutton; Health Officer L. C. Shepherd of Norfolk; Dr. Smith, of the Marine Hospital Service; Dr. Lynch, Captain B. P. Loyall, Secretary of the Quarantine Board; Dr. Grandy, Mayor J. Thompson Baird, of Portsmouth; President J. J. King, of the Portsmouth Council; Dr. Grace, president of the Portsmouth Board of Health; Mayor R. A. McCoy, of Berkeley; Health Officer Morgan, of Berkeley, and others.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Hope, and Mayor Johnston chosen as chairman. The first speaker, Dr. Hope, told the story of the cruise since her sinking, and stated his belief that she was not a menace to public health.

He was followed by Capt. McCarrick, who suggested a general discussion by those present. Dr. Charles Grandy thought that the *Mercedes* was not dangerous if repairs were not started before cold weather. Capt. McCarrick thought all talk of danger was unavailing for body talk. Dr. Lynch thought the opinion of the Government quarantine officers ought to be sufficient. Capt. Loyall, secretary of the Quarantine Board, thought there was no objection to the cruiser being brought up to the navy yard.

Dr. Newbill and Mr. R. Henry Jones, of the Norfolk Board of Health, here corrected a prevailing erroneous impression, and said that what the board objected to was the dismantling of the *Mercedes* at the navy yard before cold weather. They protested against her being torn open during the hot season. Capt. McCarrick then stated that the Government did not contemplate work on her during the hot season. After some further discussion the original motion made by Capt. McCarrick that all objection to the bringing up of the *Mercedes* be withdrawn, was passed. Mr. Jos. T. Allen opposing the motion. The *Mercedes* will be brought up to-day as stated elsewhere in this issue.

Eyes Examined Free.

Dr. A. Week, manager of the optical department of the Gale Jewelry Company, will examine your eyes free. Defective vision and complicated cases specially invited to call.

To Locate in Norfolk.

Mr. Lee Powell, a former citizen of Roanoke, but lately of Baltimore, all round hustler, is in the city with the view of locating here and engaging in business. Mr. Powell is a gentleman of fine address, untiring energy and business qualifications of a high order. Should be decide to locate in Norfolk it is not doubted that he will speedily make his influence felt in business circles.

A fact worth knowing—Rudolph & Wallace have the largest force of workmen employed in the tailoring business in the State of Virginia.

Jackson Light Infantry.

The Jackson Light Infantry held another meeting at the armory last night. The roll of the company has now about reached the number required for reorganization, and the company will make application shortly to Governor Tyler to be received into the State Militia.

V. & W. to Richmond or Petersburg, \$1.00.

Round trip Sunday June 4th leaves Norfolk 8:30 a. m.; returning leaves Richmond 8:00 p. m. on a special fast train. Goes north by shine; trunks and bicycles carried free. Strict order will be maintained.
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JOS. F. HERMAN.

Mr. J. W. Stokes' Condition.

It is reported from St. Vincent's hospital that the condition of J. Wilbur Stokes, the young man who was shot by Substitute Police Officer James G. Tyson, continues to improve, and that Stokes receives his relatives and friends and converses freely.

It is said that Tyson has not been so violent of late.

CLOSING MEETING

Of the Southeastern Tariff Association.

Officers Elected and Committees Chosen to Act For the Ensuing Year—A Highly Successful and Enjoyable Session.

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Southeastern Tariff Association closed at Old Point Comfort last night after sessions occupying three days.

The most important business of the day were the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

President, Edward S. Gay, of Atlanta, Ga., manager of the Insurance Company of North American and Philadelphia Underwriters; Vice-President, A. G. McIlwaine, Jr., manager at New York for London and Lancashire Insurance Co. of England; Secretary, Charles C. Fleming, of Atlanta, Ga.; Executive Committee—Milton Dargan, of Atlanta, Ga., manager of Lancashire Insurance Co.; George J. Dexter, of Atlanta, Ga., manager of the Western and British American Insurance Co. of Canada; W. A. Witherspoon, of Atlanta, Ga., special agent of the Caladenia Insurance Co.; J. S. Raine, special agent of Phoenix Insurance Co. of Hartford; W. L. Reynolds, general agent German-American Insurance Co. of Atlanta; F. C. Calkins, special agent of Northern Insurance Co. of Atlanta, Ga.; J. C. Ruse, of Atlanta, Ga., special agent of the Orient Insurance Co.; J. S. Middleton, of Atlanta, Ga., special agent of the Aetna Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn.

The Associate Committee is composed as follows: J. W. Cochran, of Atlanta, Ga., special agent of the Phoenix Insurance Co. of New York; A. M. Travers, of Richmond, Va., special agent of Commercial Union Assurance Co. of London, England; F. O. Hawkins, of Montgomery, Ala., special agent of Phoenix Insurance Co. of London; F. M. Nelson, of Atlanta, Ga., special agent of the Imperial Insurance Co. of England; Charles Phillips, of Atlanta, Ga., special agent of the Royal Insurance Co.; Chas. Janvier, president of Sun Insurance Co. of New Orleans; Jordan S. Thomas, of Charlotte, N. C., special agent of the New York Underwriters.

The meeting just closed marks the third that has been held at Old Point Comfort, and it is probable that the meeting of next year will be held there. This is not certain, however, as the time and place of holding the annual meeting is decided by the Executive Committee at a meeting it will hold in May 1900. The annual meeting is held 20 days after the meeting of the Executive Committee.

Among the subjects discussed during the meeting was the Craig law, passed by the Legislature of North Carolina about a month before it passed the Willard law (supposed to supersede the Craig law and all prior opposing insurance legislation).

The Craig law was aimed mainly at the railroad, express, telegraph and steamship companies operating in North Carolina, and foreign corporations generally were included en masse. In this way the law became operative against the insurance companies, but this is now said not to have been intended.

Soon after the Craig law passed the Willard law was passed. This is deemed generally fair and reasonable, both to the insuring public and insurance companies, so there will probably be no great friction in that State. There seems to be, however, a disposition in some localities to claim that the Willard law did not repeal the Craig law, the contention resting on a legal technicality that yet remains undecided.

North Carolina's Insurance Commissioner, Mr. J. R. Young, of Raleigh, was present at the meetings of the association by invitation, and attended in an unofficial capacity. He left Old Point for his home yesterday morning.

An officer of the association stated last night, in an interesting recorded representative of the *Virginian-Pilot*, that the aims and objects of the association were grossly misunderstood by many people, especially by the people of Virginia, whose Legislature had passed the Wharton anti-compact bill. He stated that the association aimed to fix fair rates by careful inspection and classification of hazards and equalizing rates; that where there was no fixed rating large insurers often obtained their insurance for less than an adequate rate, while the smaller insurers had to pay unjustly high rates to make up the deficit. He cited also the efforts of the association to introduce improved construction of buildings, thus lessening the fire loss and tending to lower rates. It is a fact that there is heavy annual loss by fire that is so much of our national wealth obliterated and thrown away. The efforts of the Southeastern Tariff Association and the other similar associations in various parts of the country are in the line of reduction of this heavy annual loss.

He stated that the opposition to the association in Virginia has been mainly pushed by the owners of bad risks, whose rates have been raised, and that these men combined to influence legislation against the insurance companies.

At the close of the meeting last evening those in attendance began to disperse to all points in the South and

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